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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Gary B. Nickol
Group Art Unit : 1642
Applicant : Ugo Ripamonti, et al.
Application No. : 09/540,466
Confirmation No.: 2489
Filed : March 31, 2000
For : METHODS FOR INDUCING ANGIOGENESIS
USING MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS AND
STIMULATORY FACTORS

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New York, New York
May 20, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the December 18, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of two months up to and including May 20, 2002 (May 18, 2002 being a Saturday).

Kindly amend the application as follows*:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice.

* An "Appendix of Claim Amendments" is enclosed at Tab A showing the amendments to the claims. In the Appendix, the added portion is underscored and the deleted portion is bracketed.